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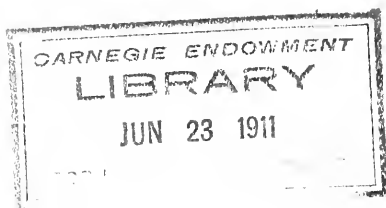
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## THE CHARTER OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

### **An Act to incorporate the Columbian College in the District of Columbia.**

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That there be erected, and hereby is erected and established, in the District of Columbia, a College, for the sole and exclusive purpose of educating youth in the English, learned, and foreign languages, the liberal arts, sciences, and literature; the style and title of which shall be, and hereby is declared to be, "The Columbian College in the District of Columbia."

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the said College shall be under the management, direction, and government of a number of Trustees, not exceeding thirty-one, to be elected triennially, by the contributors to the said College, qualified to vote, in such manner, and under such limitations and restrictions, as may be provided by the ordinances of the College, on the first Monday in May; and that the first Trustees of the said College shall consist of the following persons, viz: Obadiah B. Brown, Luther Rice, Enoch Reynolds, Josiah Meigs, Spencer H. Cone, Daniel Brown, Return J. Meigs, Joseph Gibson, Joseph Cone, Thomas Corcoran, Burgis Allison, Thomas Sewall, and Joseph Thaw: which said Trustees, and their successors, shall forever hereafter be, and they are hereby declared to be, one body politic and corporate, with perpetual succession, in deed and in law, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, by the name, style and title of "The Columbian College in the District of Columbia;" by which name and title, they, the said Trustees, and their successors, shall be competent and capable, at law and in equity, to take to themselves and their successors, for the use

of the said College, any estate, in any messuage, lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattels, moneys, and other effects, by gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, assurance, will, devise, or bequest, of any person or persons whatsoever: *Provided*, The same do not exceed, in the whole, the yearly value of twenty-five thousand dollars; and the same messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments, and estate, real and personal, to grant, bargain, sell, convey, assure, demise, and to farm let, and place out on interest, for the use of the said College, in such manner as to them, or at least nine of them, shall seem most beneficial to the institution, and to receive the rents, issues, and profits, income and interest, of the same, and to apply the same to the proper use and benefit of the said College: and by the same name to sue, commence, prosecute, and defend, implead and be impleaded, in any courts of law and equity, and in all manner of suits and actions whatsoever, and generally, by and in the same name, to do and transact all and every the business touching or concerning the premises.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said Trustees shall cause to be made for their use one common seal, with such devices and inscriptions thereon as they shall think proper, under and by which all deeds, diplomas, certificates, and acts of the said College, shall pass and be authenticated; and the same seal, at their pleasure, to break and devise a new one.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the said Trustees, or five of them at least, shall meet at the College, on College Hill, in the said District of Columbia, on the first Monday in March next, for the purpose of concerting and agreeing to such business as, in consequence of this Act, shall be proper to be laid before them at the commencement of the work they have undertaken, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, as they shall see cause, to any other times or places, for the purpose of perfecting the same. That there shall be a stated meeting of the said Trustees held twice in every year

at least, at such place and time as the said Trustees, or a quorum thereof, shall appoint, of which public notice shall be given, after the first meeting, at least twenty days before [the] time of such intended meeting, whenever the President, to be appointed by them, shall deem the business of the institution to require the same, and give due notice thereof, which he is hereby authorized to do; and if, at such stated or occasional meetings, five of the said Trustees shall not be present, those of them who shall be present shall have power to adjourn the meeting to any other day, as fully and effectually, to all intents and purposes, as if the whole number of Trustees for the time being were present; but, if five or more of the said Trustees shall meet at the said appointed times, or at any other time of adjournment, then such five of the said Trustees shall be a board or quorum, and a majority of the votes of them shall be capable of doing and transacting all the business and concerns of the said College not otherwise provided for by this Act; and particularly of making and enacting ordinances for the government of the said College; of electing and appointing the President, Professors, and Tutors, for the said College; of agreeing with them for their salaries and stipends, and removing them for misconduct, or breach of the laws of the institution; of appointing committees of their own body to carry into execution all and every the resolutions of the Board; of appointing a President, Treasurer, Secretary, stewards, managers, and other necessary and customary officers, for taking care of the estate and managing the concerns of the corporation; and, generally, a majority of voices of the board, or quorum of the said Trustees, consisting of five persons at least, at any semi-annual, occasional, or adjourned meeting, after notice given as aforesaid, shall determine all matters and things (although the same be not herein particularly mentioned) which shall occasionally arise, and be incidentally necessary to be determined and transacted by the said Trustees: *Provided always*, That no ordinances shall be of force

which shall be repugnant to this charter, or to the laws of the District of Columbia.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the Head or Chief Master for the said College shall be called and styled "The President," and the Masters thereof shall be called "Professors and Tutors;" but neither President, Professors, or Tutors, while they remain such, shall ever be capable of the office of Trustee.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the President, Professors, and Tutors, or a majority of them, shall be called and styled "The Faculty of the College," which Faculty shall have the power of enforcing the rules and regulations adopted by the Trustees for the government of the pupils, by rewarding or censuring them, and, finally, by suspending such of them as after repeated admonitions shall continue disobedient and refractory, until a determination of a quorum of the Trustees can be had; and of granting and confirming, by and with the approbation and consent of a board of the Trustees, signified by their mandamus, such degrees in the liberal arts and sciences, to such pupils of the institution, or others, who, by their proficiency in learning, or other meritorious distinction, they shall think entitled to them, as are usually granted and conferred in colleges; and to grant, to such graduates, diplomas or certificates, under their common seal, and signed by the Faculty, to authenticate and perpetuate the memory of such graduation.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That persons of every religious denomination shall be capable of being elected Trustees; nor shall any person, either as President, Professor, Tutor, or pupil, be refused admittance into said College, or denied any of the privileges, immunities, or advantages thereof, for or on account of his sentiments in matters of religion.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That no misnomer of the said corporation shall defeat or annul any gift, grant, devise, or bequest, to or from the said corporation: *Provided*,

The intent of the parties shall sufficiently appear upon the face of the gift, grant, will, or other writing, whereby any estate or interest was intended to pass to or from the said corporation.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That the constitution of the said College, herein and hereby declared and established, shall be, and remain, the inviolate constitution of the said College forever; and the same shall not be altered, or alterable, by any ordinance or law of the said Trustees: *Provided*, That it may be lawful for the Congress of the United States to revoke and repeal this Act, at any and at all times whenever they shall think fit so to do.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the said Board of Trustees to keep a regular book or journal, in which shall be entered, under their direction, besides an account of all their ordinary acts and proceedings, all the by-laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations, which may be adopted by the said Board, for their own government, and for the government of the institution; also, a schedule of all the property and effects, real, personal, or mixed, which shall or may be vested in the said Trustees, for the use of the said College, by virtue of any gift, grant, bargain, sale, will, or otherwise, together with annual statements concerning the accounts and finances of the institution. That it shall, moreover, be the duty of the said Trustees, to cause to be enrolled, in the said book or journal, the names of all the contributors to the institution qualified to vote for Trustees, with their respective places of residence; and the said book or journal shall, at all times be open to the inspection or examination of the Attorney General of the United States; and, when required by either House of Congress, it shall be the duty of said Trustees to furnish information respecting their own conduct, the state of the institution, and of its finances, which shall or may be so required.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That in case any vacancy or vacancies shall happen in the Board of Trustees

aforesaid, by death, inability, resignation, or otherwise, at any time between the stated or triennial elections, that then it shall and may be lawful for the other Trustees, or any five of them, to proceed, at any subsequent meeting after the happening of such vacancy or vacancies, to choose, by ballot, any suitable person or persons to fill the same.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That the employment or application of the funds or income of the said corporation, or any part thereof, for any purpose or object other than those expressed and defined in the first section of this Act, or the investment thereof in any other mode than is described and provided in the second section thereof, shall be deemed and taken to be a forfeiture of all the rights and immunities derived from this Act, and the same shall, thenceforth, cease and become null and void.

Approved, February 9, 1821.

(United States Statutes at Large, vol. 6, pp. 255-258;  
16th Cong., 2d Sess., Ch. 10.)

**An Act granting certain City Lots to the corporation of the  
Columbian College for the purposes therein mentioned.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That there shall be, and hereby are, granted to the Columbian College, in the District of Columbia, lots in the City of Washington, to the amount, in value, of twenty-five thousand dollars; which said lots shall be selected and valued by the Commissioner of the Public Buildings, when requested by the Trustees of the said College; and when the said lots shall be so selected and valued, the same shall be vested in the said corporation, in fee simple; to be by them held and disposed of in the manner following, that is to say: the said corporation, by proper and lawful act or acts, under their corporate seal, shall sell and dispose of the said lots, as soon as reasonably practicable, for the best price or prices they can

obtain; and shall vest the proceeds of the same in some public stock, or in stock of some incorporated bank.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That, when the lots aforesaid shall be selected and valued as aforesaid, the said Commissioner shall make return of the numbers and description thereof to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of Washington; to be by him recorded among the records of land titles in the said County.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the proceeds of the sales aforesaid, so to be vested, shall not be otherwise used by the said Trustees than as a capital, to be by them forever hereafter kept vested as aforesaid; and the dividends or interest therefrom accruing, shall, by them, be used and applied in aid of the other revenues of the said College, to the establishment and endowment of such professorships therein as now are, or hereafter shall be, established by the said Trustees; and to and for no other purpose whatever.

Approved, July 14, 1832.

(United States Statutes at Large, vol. 4, pp. 603-604;  
22nd Cong., 1st Sess., Ch. 248.)

**An Act supplemental to the "Act granting certain City Lots to the corporation of the Columbian College for the purposes therein mentioned," approved the fourteenth day of July, eighteen hundred and thirty-two.**

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the corporation of the Columbian College be, and hereby is, authorized to sell so many of the city lots, granted to said corporation by the Act to which this is supplemental, as shall be sufficient to raise the sum of seven thousand dollars, and to apply the proceeds of such sale to the payment of debts due from said corporation, anything in the Act to which this is supplemental to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved, February 28, 1839.

(United States Statutes at Large, vol. 6, p. 751; 25th Cong., 3rd Sess., Ch. 34.)

**An Act for the relief of the Columbian College, in the District of Columbia.**

*Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the District of Columbia,*<sup>1</sup> That the Columbian College, in the District of

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<sup>1</sup> The Legislative Assembly of the District of Columbia had its existence under the provisions of "An Act to Provide a Government for the District of Columbia," approved February 21, 1871 (United States Statutes at Large, vol. 16, pp. 419-429; 41st Cong., 3rd Sess., Ch. 62).

This Act read, in part, as follows:

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all that part of the territory of the United States included within the limits of the District of Columbia be, and the same is hereby, created into a Government by the name of the District of Columbia, by which name it is hereby constituted a body corporate for municipal purposes, and may contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, have a seal, and exercise all other powers of a municipal corporation not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States and the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the executive power and authority in and over the District of Columbia shall be vested in a Governor, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and who shall hold his office for four years and until his successor shall be appointed and qualified. \* \* \*

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That every bill which shall have passed the Council and House of Delegates shall, before it becomes a law, be presented to the Governor of the District of Columbia; if he approve, he shall sign it. \* \* \*

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That legislative power and authority in said District shall be vested in a Legislative Assembly, as hereinafter provided. The Assembly shall consist of a Council and House of Delegates. \* \* \*

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That all male citizens of the United States above the age of twenty-one years, who shall have been actual residents of the District for three months prior to the passage of this Act, except such as are *non compos mentis* and persons convicted of infamous crimes, shall be entitled to vote at said election, in the election district or precinct in which he shall then reside and shall have so resided for thirty days immediately preceding said election, and shall be eligible to any office within the said District, and for all subsequent elections twelve months' prior residence shall be required to constitute a voter; but the Legislative Assembly shall have no right to abridge or limit the right of suffrage. \* \* \*

SEC. 18. *And be it further enacted,* That the legislative power of the District shall extend to all rightful subjects of legislation within the District, consistent with the Constitution of the United States and the provisions of this Act, subject, nevertheless, to all the restrictions and limitations imposed upon States by the tenth section of the first article of the Constitution of the United States; but all Acts of the Legislative Assembly shall at all times be subject to repeal or modi-

Columbia, chartered by and organized and acting under the Act of Congress approved February nine, eighteen hundred and twenty-one, may, from the proceeds of any sale of its property, apply such sum as may be needful to pay its present indebtedness and place its libraries, buildings, and apparatus of instruction in good condition, and execute all deeds needful to quiet the title of property already sold.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Trustees of said College elected in May last shall constitute the corporation of said College until their successors in office shall be chosen and qualified as hereinafter provided, and may, until then, as vacancies occur in their number, temporarily

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fication by the Congress of the United States, and nothing herein shall be construed to deprive Congress of the power of legislation over said District in as ample manner as if this law had not been enacted. \* \* \*

SEC. 28. *And be it further enacted*, That the said Legislative Assembly shall have power to create by general law, modify, repeal, or amend, within said District, corporations aggregate for religious, charitable, educational, industrial, or commercial purposes, and to define their powers and liabilities: *Provided*, That the powers of corporations so created shall be limited to the District of Columbia. \* \* \*

SEC. 34. *And be it further enacted*, That a Delegate to the House of Representatives of the United States, to serve for the term of two years, who shall be a citizen of the United States and of the District of Columbia, and shall have the qualifications of a voter, may be elected by the voters qualified to elect members of the Legislative Assembly, who shall be entitled to the same rights and privileges as are exercised and enjoyed by the Delegates from the several Territories of the United States to the House of Representatives, and shall also be a member of the Committee for the District of Columbia.

The form of government by a Governor and Legislative Assembly, with a Delegate in Congress, was abolished by "An Act for the Government of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes," approved June 20, 1874 (United States Statutes at Large, vol. 18, pp. 116-121; 43rd Cong., 1st Sess., Ch. 337). By this last Act, a form of government by a Commission, consisting of three persons appointed by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, was instituted; and this form of government was continued, with some changes, by "An Act providing a Permanent Form of Government for the District of Columbia," approved June 11, 1878 (United States Statutes at Large, vol. 20, pp. 102-108; 45th Cong., 2nd Sess., Ch. 180), which is the Organic Act of the District.

fill them by the election of fit persons residing in the District of Columbia.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said Trustees shall meet in the Law Building of said College at noon, on the twenty-fifth day of June, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, for the purpose of choosing, and shall then and there, or at the time and place to which said meeting may be adjourned, elect thirteen Trustees and thirteen Overseers, who shall, upon their election, constitute the College corporation, and they and their successors shall thenceforward be, and be known and recognized as, the Columbian College in the District of Columbia.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the Trustees chosen at the said meeting in June, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, or who may thereafter be chosen, shall be residents of the District of Columbia, and that at said meeting, and at any annual meeting of Trustees and Overseers to be thereafter held in said City of Washington on the Tuesday next preceding the last Wednesday in June, annually, the Trustees and Overseers in convention assembled shall fill vacancies in their Board, and shall, by ballot, elect from among the Trustees two suitable persons, one to be President and the other to be Treasurer and Secretary of said corporation and of the Board of Trustees, and shall establish ordinances and by-laws, or alter or repeal the same; and also frame laws and regulations for the College Faculty and students in all the departments thereof, and by ballot elect such teachers, tutors, professors, lecturers, and President, and with such salaries and duties as said corporation may deem proper.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That at said annual meetings not less than seven Trustees and three Overseers shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business except adjournment, and adjournment may be made by any number present; *Provided*, That a final adjournment shall

not be delayed beyond one week after the time fixed for the annual meeting.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That during the interval between said annual meetings the Trustees shall, as now, hold semi-annual, quarterly, monthly, and occasional meetings to fill temporarily, as the case may require, vacancies in the Faculty or in their own Board, and with all their present powers as modified by this Act, subject to the ordinances and by-laws of the corporation; but no real estate or other property of said corporation shall, after the twenty-fifth day of June, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, be disposed of by the Trustees, except by vote of the corporation or in pursuance of its ordinances.

Approved, July 25, 1871.

(Laws of the District of Columbia, 1871-1872, part 2, pp. 21, 22. Acts of the First Legislative Assembly of the District of Columbia, 1st Sess., Ch. 18.)

**An Act supplemental to the Act of February ninth, eighteen hundred and twenty-one, incorporating the Columbia[n] College, in the District of Columbia.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the act to incorporate the Columbia[n] College in the District of Columbia, approved February ninth, eighteen hundred and twenty-one, be, and the same is hereby, so modified that said corporation shall be hereafter known and called by the name of the Columbia[n] University, and in that name shall take, hold and manage all the estate and property now belonging to said College, or that may hereafter be conveyed, devised, or bequeathed to said corporation by its original name; that the restriction of the yearly value of the property of the said corporation to the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars be, and the said restriction is hereby, repealed; and that said corporation may increase the number of its Over-

seers to twenty-one, and the number of its Trustees to twenty-one, exclusive of the President of the Faculty, who shall be, *ex officio*, a Trustee of said corporation.

SEC. 2. That the Act for the Relief of the Columbian College in the District of Columbia enacted by the Legislative Assembly of said District, and approved July twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, be, and the same is hereby, approved and confirmed: *Provided*, That this Act nor the said Act of the Legislative Assembly of the said District, shall be so construed as to authorize the said Columbian University to sell, or use the proceeds of any sale of land granted by Congress to said institution for any purpose other than that expressed in the Act of Incorporation and the Act granting any such land or real estate, or contrary to any will, devise or grant of any land or real estate heretofore or hereafter made, by any person or persons to said institution.

Approved, March 3, 1873.

(United States Statutes at Large, vol. 17, p. 629; 42nd Cong., 3rd Sess., Ch. 328.)

**An Act supplementary to the Act of March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, entitled "An Act supplemental to the Act of February ninth, eighteen hundred and twenty-one, incorporating Columbia[n] College, District of Columbia.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Act of March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, ratifying and confirming the Act for the Relief of Columbian College in the District of Columbia, enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the said District, and approved July twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, be so modified as to authorize the Trustees and Overseers of the Columbian University to hold their annual meeting on such day in May or June as the said Trustees and Overseers shall appoint, instead

of being held on "the Tuesday next preceding the last Wednesday in June."

Approved, May 31, 1878.

(United States Statutes at Large, vol. 20, p. 88; 45th Cong., 2nd Sess., Ch. 147.)

**An act to amend the Act of March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, for the Relief of the Columbian University, in the District of Columbia.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Act approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, entitled "An Act supplemental to the Act of February ninth, eighteen hundred and twenty-one, incorporating the Columbian College, in the District of Columbia" be, and the same is, so modified that hereafter the Treasurer and Secretary of said corporation, the Columbian University, need not be one person nor a member of the Trustees of said corporation, but the Trustees and Overseers of said corporation, in convention assembled, shall annually elect by ballot two suitable persons from among the Trustees or not, as they may deem proper, one to be Treasurer and the other Secretary of said corporation, and of the Board of Trustees.

SEC. 2. That in case of the death, resignation, or inability to act of either the Treasurer or Secretary, the Board of Trustees shall have power to fill the vacancy until his successor is duly elected.

Approved, January 14, 1893.

(United States Statutes at Large, vol. 27, p. 420; 52nd Cong., 2nd Sess., Ch. 38.)

**An Act supplemental to the Act of February ninth, eighteen hundred and twenty-one, incorporating the Columbian College in the District of Columbia, and the Acts amendatory thereof.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Columbian University, on and after the first day of June, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, shall be under the management and control of a Board of Trustees, consisting of twenty-two members; the President of the University shall be *ex officio* a member of said Board, and the remaining twenty-one shall be divided into three classes with seven members in each class; a majority of said Board shall be residents of the District of Columbia, and seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. That on or before the thirty-first day of May, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, a meeting of the Trustees and Overseers of said University shall be held, and said meeting shall elect twenty-one Trustees, seven of whom shall be designated to serve from the first day of June, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, until the annual meeting in eighteen hundred and ninety-nine; and seven from the same date until the annual meeting in nineteen hundred; and seven until the annual meeting in nineteen hundred and one. Two-thirds of said Trustees, and also the President of the University, shall be members of regular Baptist churches; that is to say, members of churches of that denomination of Protestant Christians now usually known and recognized under the name of the regular Baptist denomination; said Trustees so elected shall serve for the periods mentioned and until their successors are elected. That on the first day of June, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, the terms of office of the present Trustees and Overseers shall cease and determine, and thereupon the control and management of said University, its property and trusts, shall vest in the Board of Trustees elected as hereinabove provided and their successors.

SEC. 2. That at the annual meeting in eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and annually thereafter, there shall be

elected by the Board of Trustees seven Trustees to fill the places of the class whose terms of office expire; and the Board of Trustees may prescribe in a by-law the mode of nominating persons for election as Trustees. A failure to elect Trustees at the annual meeting shall not create vacancies in the Board, but such election may be had and vacancies occurring during the year may be filled for the unexpired term by the Board at any general or special meeting.

SEC. 3. That the Board of Trustees provided for herein shall have, and they are hereby given, full power and authority to appoint and remove any and all officers, professors, lecturers, teachers, tutors, agents, and employees who are now or may hereafter be elected or appointed; they may, by a vote of two-thirds of all the Trustees constituting said Board, adopt and change by-laws for the conduct of the business and educational work of said University; they may appoint an Executive Committee composed of Trustees, designate the number and Chairman thereof, with such powers and authority as are usually exercised by an Executive Committee, and which shall be conferred by the Board, subject always to the control of the Board of Trustees; they may create and establish schools and departments of learning to be connected with and become a part of said University; they may receive, invest, and administer endowments and gifts of money and property for the maintenance of educational work by said University, and by any department and chair thereof now established or which may hereafter be created or established by said University; and they shall have all the powers and authority heretofore granted to and vested in the Trustees and Overseers of said University.

SEC. 4. That the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees shall be held in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, on the Wednesday nearest the first day of June in each year; two other stated meetings shall be held on the second Wednesday of October and January in each year, and special meetings may be called by the President of the University

or by the Executive Committee or by seven members of the Board of Trustees upon such notice and at such hour and place as may be designated in the by-laws; at all meetings any business necessary to be transacted may be considered and acted upon, and any meeting may be adjourned from time to time by the Trustees present, whether constituting a quorum or not, notice of such adjournment to be given, as of called meetings, to those Trustees not present.

SEC. 5. That the terms of office of the President of the University, the Treasurer and other officers, professors, and lecturers, and the employment of agents and employees, and the title to all the property and rights in and management of the endowment funds of the University shall not be affected by the change of management herein provided for, but they shall continue and be subject to the control and management of the Board of Trustees hereby created the same as they are now subject to the control and management of the corporation.

SEC. 6. That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved, March 18, 1898.

(United States Statutes at Large, vol. 30, pp. 328, 329;  
55th Cong., 2nd Sess., Ch. 72.)

**An Act supplemental to the Act of February ninth, eighteen hundred and twenty-one, incorporating the Columbian College in the District of Columbia, and the Acts amendatory thereof.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act to incorporate the Columbian College, in the District of Columbia, approved February ninth, eighteen hundred and twenty-one, and the amendatory Act approved March eighteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, be, and the same are hereby, amended by repealing and striking out of the said charter the following words in lines twenty to*

twenty-five in section one of the said amendatory Act of March eighteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, namely, "Two-thirds of said Trustees, and also the President of the University, shall be members of regular Baptist churches; that is to say, members of churches of that denomination of Protestant Christians now usually known and recognized under the name of the regular Baptist denomination."

SEC. 2. That section thirteen of the original charter of February ninth, eighteen hundred and twenty-one, which provides "That persons of every religious denomination shall be capable of being elected Trustees; nor shall any person, either as President, Professor, Tutor or pupil, be refused admittance into said College, or denied any of the privileges, immunities, or advantages thereof, for or on account of his sentiments in matters of religion," be, and the same is hereby, re-enacted and shall be hereafter in full force as a part of said charter.

SEC. 3. That power is hereby given to the Board of Trustees of said University to change the name of said University at any regular meeting by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the total number of members of the Board, as prescribed by the charter, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of Education. That upon said action being taken a certificate, under the seal of the University, stating the name adopted and the date when the name shall go into effect not less than thirty days nor more than six months from the date of its adoption, together with the fact that said name has been adopted as herein prescribed, shall be filed in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia, and thereupon, upon the date specified for the name to go into effect, the University shall be known and designated by the name adopted, and by said new name the said University shall be vested with and convey its real estate, hold, control, and administer endowments and gifts of money and property heretofore and hereafter made for the maintenance of its educational work and do and per-

form all acts which it now has the power to do under its said charter. Such change of name shall not in any other way change, affect, or modify in any degree the rights, privileges, obligations, and powers of the said University under the charter of February ninth, eighteen hundred and twenty-one, and the amendatory Acts thereto.

SEC. 4. That all Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved, January 23, 1904.

(United States Statutes at Large, vol. 33, part 1, pp. 7, 8; 58th Cong., 2nd Sess., ch. 7.)

**Certificate of Change of Name of the Columbian University to  
"The George Washington University."**

District of Columbia,

*City of Washington:*

The Columbian University, in accordance with the Act of Congress approved January 23, 1904, does hereby certify that, at the regular meeting of its Board of Trustees duly held on the eighth day of June, 1904, at which meeting there were present more than two-thirds of the total number of members of the Board, it was unanimously resolved that, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of Education, prescribed by said Act of Congress, the name of this University be changed to that of The George Washington University, the same to go into effect on the first day of September, A. D. 1904.

And it is hereby further certified, that on the twentieth day of June, A. D. 1904, the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of Education duly approved in writing said change of name, which said written approval is hereto attached and made a part hereof.

In testimony whereof, said Columbian University has given this its certificate under its corporate seal, at the City of

Washington, D. C., on the twenty-first day of June, A. D. 1904.

Charles W. Needham,  
*President.*

Attest:

John B. Larner,  
*Secretary.*

(Corporate Seal.)

United States of America,  
Department of the Interior,  
*Washington, D. C., June 20, 1904.*

Pursuant to Section 882 of the Revised Statutes, I hereby certify that the annexed paper is a true copy of the original as it appears upon the files of the Department.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and caused the seal of the Department of the Interior to be affixed, the day and year first above written.

E. A. Hitchcock,  
*Secretary of the Interior.*

W. B. A.

(Seal of the Department of the Interior.)

Whereas by Act of Congress approved January 23, 1904, the Columbian University was authorized to change its name, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of Education;

And whereas it has been made satisfactorily to appear to us that, at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of said University held on the eighth day of June, A. D. 1904, at which meeting there were present more than two-thirds of the total number of members of said Board, it was unanimously resolved to change the name of said University to that of The George Washington University, the same to go into effect on the first day of September, A. D. 1904;

Now, therefore, this is to witness that, pursuant to said Act of Congress, we do hereby, this twentieth day of June, A. D. 1904, approve said change of name.

E. A. Hitchcock,

*Secretary of the Interior.*

W. T. Harris,

*Commissioner of Education.*

(Seal of the Department of the Interior.)

Office of the Recorder of Deeds,  
District of Columbia.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and verified copy of the Certificate of Change of Name of the Columbian University to The George Washington University, and of the whole of said Certificate of Change of Name, as filed in this office the 22d day of June, 1904, and recorded in Liber No. 16, folio 95, *et seq.*, one of the Incorporation Records of the District of Columbia.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of this office this 11th day of February, A. D. 1910.

R. W. Dutton,

*Deputy Recorder of Deeds, D. C.*

[Seal of the Recorder of Deeds, District of Columbia.]

**An Act supplemental to the Act of February ninth, eighteen hundred and twenty-one, incorporating the Columbian College in the District of Columbia, and the Acts amendatory thereof.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the George Washington University shall have, and is hereby given, power to increase the number of its Trustees from time to time, by a two-thirds vote of the whole number of the Trustees at the time such vote is taken, to a number*

not exceeding forty-five. In case of the increase of the number of Trustees a certificate, stating the number of the Board and the time when it shall go into effect and that the action so taken was by a two-thirds vote as required by this Act, shall be filed with the Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia, and upon and after the date named the Board shall consist of the number of Trustees stated in such certificate, and said Board may also appoint a Board or Boards of Visitors for any department or departments of educational work carried on by the University, such Boards of Visitors to be advisory only.

SEC. 2. That by and with the consent of said University, Colleges may be organized hereunder for the purpose of carrying on, in connection with the University, special lines of educational work in the arts, sciences, and liberal and technical knowledge, such Colleges to be educationally a part of the system of the University, but upon independent financial foundations, and to this end any five or more persons desirous of associating themselves for the purpose of establishing a College hereunder, may make, sign, and acknowledge before any officer authorized to take acknowledgment of deeds in the District of Columbia, and with the assent of the University in writing, file in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of the said District a certificate in writing, in which shall be stated: First, the intention to organize a corporation under this Act and the assent of the University thereto; second, the name or title by which the College shall be known in law; third, the names of the Trustees constituting the first Board, and such Trustees may be divided into three classes, the term of office of one class expiring annually; fourth, the manner of nominating and electing successors to said Trustees; fifth, the branch or branches of literature, arts, science, liberal or technical knowledge proposed to be taught; sixth, that the highest officer of said College shall be a Dean, the Dean and members of the Faculty to be members of the Educational Coun-

cils of the University in accordance with the rules governing the University; seventh, that all degrees shall be bestowed by the University; eighth, that in all financial and legal responsibility the College shall be an independent organization. Upon filing such certificate the Trustees named therein and their successors shall be a body politic, incorporated by the name and style stated in the certificate, and by that name and style shall have perpetual succession in association with the University, with power in the College to sue and be sued; plead and be impleaded; to acquire, hold, and convey property in all legal ways; to receive by gift, devise, or otherwise, and hold, control, and administer endowments and gifts of money and property thereafter made to it for the maintenance of its educational work; to have and use a common seal, and to alter and change the same at pleasure; to make and alter from time to time such by-laws, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States or the laws in force in said District or the laws of the University regulating the conduct of educational work, as may be deemed necessary for the government of the College, but said College shall not confer academic or honorary degrees; such College shall hold the property of the institution and all moneys and property conveyed to it by purchase, gift, conveyance, will, devise, or bequest solely for the purposes of the educational work specified in said certificate; the Trustees of such College shall faithfully apply all funds collected or received and the proceeds thereof belonging to the institution, according to their best judgment, in purchasing lands and erecting buildings, supporting necessary officers, instructors, and servants, and procuring all equipment, educational and otherwise, necessary to carry on the work of the College.

SEC. 3. That said University may enter into affiliated agreements with any institutions of learning outside of the District of Columbia, for the purpose of giving to students of such institutions the educational facilities of said University

and the Departments of the Government in the City of Washington which are by law open to students, upon such terms as are mutually agreed upon by the said University and the affiliated institutions.

Approved, March 3, 1905.

(United States Statutes at Large, vol. 33, part 1, pp. 1036, 1037; 58th Cong., 3rd Sess., ch. 1467.)

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